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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
For the
Eastern District of New York

Harold D. House
Plaintiff

v.

Andrew Greenbaum, Arnon Bersson, David Bersson,
Norm Bersson, Prism Trading Group LLC, Prism
Group LLC, Prism Trading School LLC, Prism
Trading LLC, Securities Trading School LLC,
and Neil Greenbaum
_____ Defendants _____

Non Payment

SEYBERT, J.

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Parties

Harold House was a contracted consultant to the defendants and is a resident of Westhampton, NY. Andrew Greenbaum is a broker and securities trader who headed the enterprise. His brother Neil Greenbaum acted as counsel to Andrew Greenbaum and participated in the management of all Prism LLCs and now participates as management of Securities Trading School. Arnon Bersson was an original partner of Andrew Greenbaum as was his cousin David Bersson and father Norm Bersson. The various LLCs were all owned and operated by these defendants. All parties reside in the Boca Raton area of Florida.

Jurisdiction and Venue

The jurisdiction is proper on the basis of diversity in that defendants are individuals and entities doing business in Boca Raton, Florida, and residing in Florida. Venue is appropriate in that at the relevant time, Plaintiff was a resident of Westhampton, NY, within the Eastern District of New York. Plaintiff cites complete diversity pursuant to Section 1331 and 1332.

History

Plaintiff first bought this action in March of 2010. Because Plaintiff had filed a request to proceed "in forma pauperis" (granted by Memorandum and Order dated July 22, 2010). As this court has noted, Plaintiff has filed several other actions, two of which resulted in out of court settlements (the last being House v. Sleek Medspas which was settled in February and Plaintiff notes that Defendant, as promised failed to draw up and submit the notice of settlement as agreed. This court has, perhaps concluded incorrectly

that the case was abandoned when it indeed was settled). The other case pending has been delayed for 4 years due to "a clerical error" and is now in appeals.

The Memorandum and Order of July 22, 2010 dismissed this case without prejudice and Plaintiff has now submitted the complaint in proper form and, having reached certain of the previous defendants, has not included them in this complaint.

1. Each of the named defendants are officers or served as officers, directors, managers or executives of Prism Trading Group of Boca Raton Florida. The various LLCs named are interchangeable entities and part of an elaborate shell game with the intent to evade payment for services and goods.
2. This case was previously brought in the US District Court for the Southern District of Florida on January 21, 2010 (9:2010CV80073) and was withdrawn without prejudice. It is now started fresh in the Eastern District of New York where Plaintiff resides. At the time of the original filing, there was only a possible question of diversity. Now, with additional facts, diversity is no longer an issue.
3. Plaintiff came to agreement to work with and for the above cited defendants on June 8, 2009 at their offices in Boca Raton. The agreement was for sub-contracted work helping defendants formulate a business and marketing/advertising plan for Prism Trading Group, a Florida LLC (hereinafter "group").
4. The nature of the agreement was that it was for a specified period of time (six months) and by mutual consent could be extended. The agreement was with Prism Trading Group, a Florida LLC that was in the business of equity trading. Plaintiff's role was to formulate a plan to attract traders to join the firm, take instruction in trading techniques with firm personnel and after suitable instruction, enrollees could have positions with the "group" trading private capital.
5. A second entity, Prism Trading School LLC (hereinafter "school") was formed in Florida in July of 2009 as Prism Trading Group was operating in coordination with Dimension Trading and thus under the scrutiny of FINRA (formerly the NASD) and the Securities and Exchange Commission. For purposes of regulation, the "school" was formed so to keep the entities separate from one another.
6. The purpose of the "School" was instruction in the techniques of trading and the purpose of the "Group" was the day to day operation of a trading floor.
7. On or about November 20, 2009, Plaintiff was verbally informed that his employment agreement was going to naturally expire on December 8, 2009 and would not be renewed unless the defendant Prism Trading School, LLC, for

- whom Plaintiff performed most of the work, would be granted a license to operate as an independent school under the Florida Education Commission, said application being in process with a review date for the application on or about middle February, 2010. No written notice was provided Plaintiff as per the terms of the agreement (attached as exhibit 1)
8. Plaintiff was told at the November meeting that his fee (\$15,000/mo) would be paid though December and was assured that the reason for the discontinuation of services was that the school application was delayed and there was, essentially, no work to be performed as a result.
 9. On or about December 3, defendants were given invoices from a Boston vendor for materials ordered by others on the staff.
 10. During the same period Defendants contracted several service providers in St. Louis and signed a lease for office space in St. Louis in order to open a branch of their business. Defendants sign a 5 year lease for Prism Trading/St. Louis. Prism also was in negotiations to open an office in Alabama and still has a website, partially completed and published at <http://www.wix.com/tstultz/PTG-ALABAMA>.
 11. On December 8, Plaintiff's last day of work, several vendors and service providers called the offices looking for payments. Plaintiff transferred the calls to staff, and resubmitted his November invoice. Plaintiff was asked to leave the offices and turned in his security pass and left the building.
 12. Plaintiff asked on repeated occasions for his November pay and then when December's pay was not provided, for that as well. All attempts were rebuffed.
 13. On December 31, 2009 Plaintiffs posted their last entries on public or social media sites and shortly thereafter the main websites, PrismTradingSchool.com and Prismtradinggroup.com were removed.
 14. In their place, a new entity, Securities Trading School LLC (securitiestradingsschool.com) was posted. Papers dissolving the LLCs Prism Trading, Prism Trading School and Prism Trading Group were filed in early January 2010. A succeeding LLC, Securities Trading Group now occupies the same address in Boca Raton with the same mission and description.
 15. In the articles of dissolution filed with the Secretary of State of Florida, Prism Trading Group, Prism Trading and Prism Trading School all checked the box that said "all debts and liabilities of the company have been paid or discharged". This was a fraudulent statement.
 16. Plaintiff contends that other than the \$30,000 directly owed for the contract, these entities owe, at the very minimum, an additional \$40,000 for goods and services

not paid for and a 5 year lease on an office space in St. Louis that is about to enter litigation.

17. Plaintiff refers to Florida criminal statute 817.155 that covers matters within the jurisdiction of Department of State; false, fictitious, or fraudulent acts, statements, and representations prohibited; penalty; statute of limitations.--A person may not, in any matter within the jurisdiction of the Department of State, knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact, make any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation, or make or use any false document, knowing the same to contain any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry. A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony of the third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084. The statute of limitations for prosecution of an act committed in violation of this section is 5 years from the date the act was committed.
18. Plaintiff argues that Defendants, acting individually and in concert, purposefully ran up debts in the Prism LLCs in order to gain as much market and operational experience as possible then, when the obligations were being pressed for payment, closed the LLCs and re-emerged with a new LLC to carry on the business debt free.
19. To do this, Defendants willfully submitted a false and fraudulent set of articles of dissolution to the Secretary of State in Florida. In order to carry out the fraud and to simply "disappear", Defendants withheld filing the Securities Trading School LLC papers with Florida until March 22, 2010 and April 16, 2010 when all papers were filed. As proof of this willful deceit, the website for Securities Trading School LLC is copyrighted 2009 so that this "transformation" was planned in advance of the closing of the Prism entities. (see exhibit #2)
20. To further keep from discovery, Defendant Andrew Greenbaum filed these papers for Securities Trading Group as the registered agent on behalf of GFH LLC and Arsenal Holdings LLC, the managers. GFH LLC is managed by unnamed person(s) with the following addresses:
 21. 7950 Tennyson Court, Boca Raton, Florida 33433 and 7618 Stockton Terrace, Boca Raton, Florida 33433. These are the residences of Neil and Andrew Greenbaum respectively.
 22. This transparent attempt to ignore debt, including filing fraudulent declarations with the Secretary of State and then re-emerge as a new entity, with a well hidden paper trail that was set to confuse and timed to defraud, demonstrates a material and willful attempt to swindle third parties, including Plaintiff, of money owed.
23. Plaintiff alleges that Securities Trading School LLC is simply a continuation of Prism Trading School and Prism Trading Group LLC that were fraudulently dissolved in an attempt to escape from debts incurred by the owners.

First Cause of Action – Non-payment

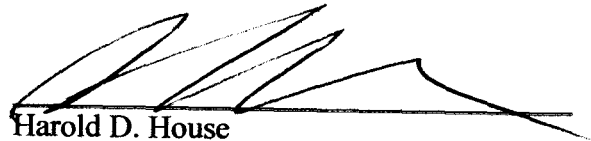
24. Plaintiff reaffirms each of the preceding paragraphs as if written here verbatim.
25. Defendants owe Plaintiff for work performed as part of an agreement in November and December.
26. The withholding of compensation due is willful and intentional and caused Plaintiff great hardship.
27. The conduct of the defendants was willful to the point of violation of State of Florida Statutes and that the scheme to avoid payment extended to a number of parties.
28. Plaintiff demands \$30,000 plus late fees and damages trebled and further relief as to the discretion of the court, such award to be assessed both individually and collectively.

THEREFORE,

Plaintiff is entitled to payment of fees in the amount of \$90,000 individually and collectively for a total of \$900,000 along with any and all costs incurred with bringing this action and with any and all other courts to be determined by the court.

Dated: July 28, 2010
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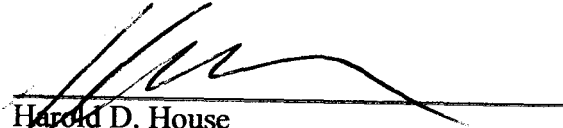
AFFIRMATION OF SERVICE

I, Harold D. House, hereby affirm that I have placed a true copy of this summons and complaint in the care of the United States mail with proper postage affixed, and mailed such within the State of New York to:

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